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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Aviation Administration**

**14 CFR Part 71**

**Docket No. FAA-2011-0585; Airspace Docket No. 11-AWP-9**

**Modification of Class E Airspace; Blythe, CA**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action modifies Class E airspace at Blythe, CA, to accommodate aircraft using Area Navigation (RNAV) Global Positioning System (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at Blythe Airport. This action also corrects geographic coordinates in the regulatory text. This improves the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Effective date, 0901 UTC, December 15, 2011. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR Part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****History**

On August 2, 2011, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to modify controlled airspace at Blythe, CA (76 FR 46212). Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Subsequent to publication, the FAA found that the boundaries for the controlled airspace needed to be adjusted; this action makes that adjustment.

Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005, of FAA Order 7400.9V dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in that Order.

**The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by modifying Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to accommodate IFR aircraft executing RNAV (GPS) standard instrument approach procedures at Blythe Airport. Also, the boundary coordinates in the regulatory text for the Class E 1,200-foot airspace area is adjusted to be in concert with the FAA's aeronautical database. This action is necessary for the safety and management of IFR operations. With the exception of editorial changes and the changes noted above, this rule is the same as that proposed in the NPRM.

The FAA has determined this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them

operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a “significant regulatory action” under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a “significant rule” under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. The FAA’s authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106 discusses the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency’s authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it creates additional controlled airspace at Blythe Airport, Blythe, CA.

#### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air)

#### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

#### **PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E. O. 10854, 24 FR 9565,

3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

**§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9V, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 9, 2011, and effective September 15, 2011 is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005 Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface of the earth.

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**AWP CA E5 Blythe, CA [Modified]**

Blythe Airport, CA

(lat. 33°37'09"N., long. 114°43'01"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.7-mile radius of the Blythe Airport, and within 4 miles south and 1.2 miles north of the 264° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.7-mile radius to 10 miles west of the airport. That airspace extending upward from 1,200 feet above the surface within an area bounded by lat. 33°50'00"N., long. 114°21'00"W.; to lat. 33°42'00"N., long. 114°17'00"W.; to lat. 33°41'30"N., long. 114°07'30"W.; to lat. 33°27'00"N., long. 114°09'00"W.; to lat. 33°28'00"N., long. 114°13'00"W.; to lat. 33°28'28"N., long. 114°27'12"W., thence clockwise along the 15.8-mile radius of Blythe Airport to lat. 33°26'30"N., long. 114°57'00"W., to lat. 33°26'00"N., long. 115°04'00"W.; to lat. 33°53'00"N., long. 115°07'00"W.; to lat. 34°15'00"N., long. 114°50'00"W.; to lat. 34°15'00"N., long. 114°28'00"W.; to lat. 33°52'00"N., long. 114°29'00"W., thence to the point of beginning.

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